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cipitately==Cubans Worry General Linares' Forces==Im-  
possible to Obtain Casualties on Either Side.

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With American Army, June 24, by New York Herald Dispatch Boat Mindora, to Port Antonio, Jamaica, June 25.—  
This day's fighting in the advance upon Santiago has cost the American army upwards of a dozen men, but it has been a day of magnificent  
success for the American cause. For every American who has fallen in battle, the enemy has lost two or three more, and for each of our sol-  
diers who have been wounded several Spaniards have been disabled.

This has been a day of action all along the line, although the fiercest fight was the one that took place early this morning to the south-  
west of Seville, where General Linares is making his final stand before retreating into Santiago City. It was this engagement that the Ameri-  
cans sustained their heavy loss. The fight near Seville began at 8 o'clock this morning and lasted four hours. The struggle was most desper-  
ate during the first hour. Up to 9 o'clock the Spaniards, who began the attack, tenaciously held their ground. Between 9 and 12 o'clock the  
battle was a moving one, the enemy hastily retreating towards Seville, and our troops as hastily pursuing. From the time the American forces  
landed on Wednesday, General Shafter has restrained his troops with difficulty. Despite the impetuosity on the part of the gallant American  
soldiers, they have swept everything before them. They have attacked the enemy at half a dozen points and attaining possession of each in  
turn. When night fell yesterday the Spaniards had been driven within two miles of Seville, and it was from this position that they were driven  
in today's engagement. General Linares and his men are now close to the outer defenses of Santiago. They are harassed by General Shafter's  
men on the east, by General Garcia's trained Cubans on the west and by Admiral Sampson's fleet on the south. Another day's work like that of  
today will force the the enemy into the ditch and the assault on the city of Santiago will take place.

This evidence that the enemy was on the run quickly inspired the American troops. They charged forward presently, gaining a position  
from which they could see the Spaniards. They renewed their fire with greater vigor, driving the enemy foot by foot toward Seville. The  
Spaniards resisted the American advance with great stubbornness, but the tide of battle had turned against them.

During the next two hours they devoted themselves less and less to shooting, and finally fled, precipitately toward Seville.

While the Rough Riders were giving and taking hard knocks on the grounds, the firing became general in the valley to the north where  
General Lawton, the Cuban skirmish line, having been driven back, checked the advance of a strong Spanish force, and eventually compelled  
them to retreat. General Lawton succeeded in bringing a section of mountain battery into action. This kept the road clear of Spaniards while  
our troops quickly formed and moved forward.

There was heavy firing in this locality, but at noon General Lawton seem to have pressed the enemy back across Juiaquasito creek. It is  
thought the Second Massachusetts took part in this engagement and that they thus were the first volunteers, aside from the Rough Riders, to be  
under fire.

When the Mindora started with this dispatch the battle was in full progress, both on the Mesa and across the valley. The Spanish  
everywhere were fighting bravely and making a desperate resistance, but they were slowly yielding in all directions.

All of our army, including officers, are pressing toward Santiago on foot, no horses being used in these engagements. Throughout this  
morning's fighting General Wheeler and General Lawton walked at the head of their troops as did Colonel Wood and Lieutenant Colonel Roose-  
velt. It was rare good luck that saved the Spaniards from complete annihilation when they encountered the regulars and Rough Riders in the  
outskirts of Seville this morning. They had to face barely a thousand Americans, but if the fight had been delayed a few hours enough Ameri-  
cans to have crushed them completely would have arrived on the scene.

Colonel Roosevelt's men, who had pushed their way toward Seville yesterday, resumed their march soon after sunrise this morning.  
They were joined by a detachment of Cubans under General Castillo, who guided them over the steep hills along winding paths. Constant  
watch was kept for the enemy, but none seemed to be lurking in the thick underbrush that lined the narrow roadway. It began to seem as if  
the enemy had retreated into Seville, and the men were advancing in quick order when the crack of Mauser rifles suddenly was heard. Bullets  
whizzed over the heads of the Rough Riders. The fire came from behind a thick underbrush, and the Cubans were ordered to reply. Colonel  
Wood, after ordering his men to lie down, quickly surveyed the situation. His men had been caught in an ambush, the firing at once became  
furious. From several sides the enemy's bullets came whistling toward our men, and the engagement had barely begun when several of the  
Rough Riders reeled over on the ground dead. The Spanish could not be definitely located. They were well  
screened by the underbrush, and their positions could be judged only from the direction of their fire. Provoked  
by their inability to see the enemy the men began to curse. "Don't swear," Colonel Wood shouted, "shoot." They did; they joined with the Cubans in pouring a terrific fire in the bushes where the Spaniards lay. It was  
an open fight for the next fifteen minutes or so. The fire of the Spanish then fell off a bit. They seemed to be  
falling or retreating. Lighter and lighter became the fire from the underbrush, until finally only an occasional  
shot whizzed toward the American position.

An attempt of the enemy to execute a flank movement on our troops on the mesa was checked by the Wam-  
patuck and the New Orleans, which shelled the chapparal just beneath the top of the ridge. It is impossible at  
this hour to make any accurate estimate as to the losses on either side. Several of the Rough Riders reported as  
killed or wounded are coming to the rear for surgical treatment. Their wounds are mostly slight. The men say  
others are hurt, too, but too badly to get back without stretchers, owing to the thickness of the underbrush which

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